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Phosphatase Alpha*
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 21, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants submit a Petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee to make this paper timely as of March 21, 2006. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.